

**MINUTES OF THE AUSA AUTUMN GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2008 AT 1PM IN THE STUDENT UNION QUAD**

1. PRESENT: PRESIDENT (CHAIR), EVP, TREASURER, CAO, CSO, EAO, IAO, MO, MSO, NAO, OSO, SRC, WRO, CRACCUM

2. APOLOGIES: AVP (ILLNESS), WO.

3. ABSENT: PISO

4. MEETING OPENED: 1.15pm

1.05pm - First count – 110. GM suggested that the meeting wait 10 minutes.

1.15pm - Recount – 255

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

CHAIR

G 1/08 THAT the Minutes of the Winter General Meeting held on Wednesday 23 August 2006 be received and adopted as a true and accurate record.

Carried

CHAIR

G 2/08 THAT the Minutes of the Inquorate Autumn General Meeting held on Wednesday 14 March 2007 be received.

Carried

CHAIR

G 3/08 THAT the Minutes of the Inquorate Autumn General Meeting held on Wednesday 21 March 2007 be received.

Carried

CHAIR

G 4/08 THAT the Minutes of the Inquorate Winter General Meeting held on Wednesday 22 August 2007 be received.

Carried

CHAIR

G 5/08 THAT the Minutes of the Inquorate Winter General Meeting held on Thursday 23 August 2007 be received.

Carried

**6. DECLARATION OF ELECTION OF THE 2008 OFFICERS, PORTFOLIO
HOLDERS & CRACCUM EDITOR**

CHAIR

G 6/08 THAT the results for the 2008 Officers, Portfolio holders and Craccum Editor be adopted.

President
Administrative Vice-President
Treasurer
Education Vice-President
Clubs & Societies Rep
Cultural Affairs Officer
Environmental Affairs Officer
International Affairs Officer
Media Officer
National Affairs Officer
Overseas Students Officer
Sports Officer
SRC Chair
Tamaki Representative
Welfare Officer
Womens' Rights Officer
Craccum Editor

David Do
Desley Horton
Akif Arshad Malik
Sophia Blair
Joseph McCrory
Sonali Nidamarty & Azim Choudhry
Raymond Chu & Raymond Scott
Omar Hamed
Aimee Hudson
Max Harris & Alex Nelder
Laura (Hyo Young) Woo
Tim Brightwell
Darcy Peacock

Bradley Tokomikahere-Layton
Sophie Klinger
Daniel Sloan

Carried

7. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

CHAIR
G 7/08 THAT the AUSA audited accounts as at 31 December 2006 be received and adopted.
Carried

1.35pm – Nick Keesing asked for a quorum count
Second Recount – 200+ members

8. HONORARY SOLICITOR APPOINTMENT

CHAIR
G 8/08 THAT Richard Hawk of Jackson Russell be appointed as the AUSA Honorary Solicitor.
Carried

9. AUDITORS APPOINTMENT

CHAIR
G 9/08 THAT Staples Rodway be appointed as AUSA Auditors.
Carried

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- The issue of the University of Auckland’s elimination of open entry – information and discussion.

The Chair was handed to the EVP.

David Do outlined the issues and the position AUSA had taken late last year when the University moved to eliminate open entry. Professor Margaret Mutu of Maori Studies was invited to speak, outlining further concerns.
Alex, a law student, spoke in favour of the motion, citing Laws opening up of entry.
A Maori woman from Epsom campus spoke in favour
Another student (wearing green) spoke in favour
Reina Harris of NTM said that it was not just a Maori student issue it is an issue affecting all students.
Joe McCrory, CSO, spoke in favour.
Omar Hamed, IAO, spoke in favour, citing fundamental rights of education.
Another student spoke, he was not opposed to the closing of open entry.

G 10/08 DAVID DO/HAMISH FLETCHER
THAT AUSA condemns the University for its complete failure to adequately consult and discuss the issues of admissions and limited entry with its most important stakeholders, students.
Carried Unanimously

G 11/08 DAVID DO/H BROWN
THAT AUSA opposes the elimination of open entry from the University of Auckland.
Carried Overwhelmingly

G 12/08 DAVID DO/TAIA REGAN JAMES
THAT this General Meeting supports AUSA, if necessary, undertaking legal action (through judicial or administrative review, legal injunction, or equivalent actions) against the University in order to secure an appropriate process for considering the issues of student admission and selection, and secure fair processes of student admission into the University of Auckland.
Carried

Note: David Do explained the background of the motion, stressing that this was a last resort if the university failed to listen to concerns raised, and that AUSA would seek ways to minimise the cost of legal action.

- Mini Draw

11. MEETING CLOSED: 1.48pm

Signed as a true and correct record

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David Do, President, CHAIR

Sophia Blair, EVP, CHAIR